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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/810,704	Applicant(s) WRIGHT ET AL.	
	Examiner J. Casimer Jacyna	Art Unit 3751	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8, 9, 14-16, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 17 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 3/29/2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>05032005</u> . | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>IDS of 06212004 and 03292004.</u> |

1. The drawings are objected to because page 11, lines 17-20 of the specification identify element 8 to be the blowout preventer and disclose that the blowout preventer 8 is located above the flow tee 7. Page 12, lines 1-4 state that figure 2 shows the details of blowout preventer 8 and clearly disclose that housing 9 is the central housing of the blowout preventer. However, figure 1 of the drawings show the blowout preventer 8 to be located above the flow tees 7 as disclosed on page 11, but also show the central housing 9 to be located below the flow tees 7. It is not understood how the blowout preventer can be at a first location above the flow tees while the central housing 9 that surrounds the actual blowout preventer 8 as shown in figure 2 is at a different and separate location below the flow tees 7. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required

corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 11, lines 17-20 of the specification identify element 8 to be the blowout preventer and disclose that the blowout preventer 8 is located above the flow tee 7. Page 12, lines 1-4 state that figure 2 shows the details of blowout preventer 8 and clearly disclose that housing 9 is the central housing of the blowout preventer. However, figure 1 of the drawings show the blowout preventer 8 to be located above the flow tees 7 as disclosed on page 11, but also show the central housing 9 to be located below the flow tees 7. It is not understood how the blowout preventer can be at a first location above the flow tees while the central housing 9 that surrounds the actual blowout preventer 8 as shown in figure 2 is at a different and separate location below the flow tees 7.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 14-16, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Van Winkle. Van Winkle discloses a pump rod clamp including a central housing 24, a pump rod 120, a plurality of clamping members 22, an actuator 50, 60, a removable gripping insert 70 which can be made from steel (see claim 4) or ceramics as disclosed on col. 5, lines 9-12, and ridges 226 (see claim 6).

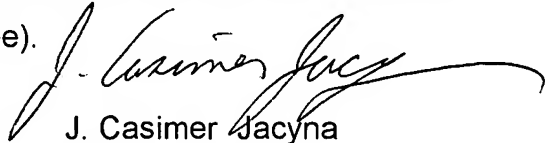
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5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sable teaches another pump rod clamp.
6. Claims 7, 17 and 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
7. Claims 10-13 and 21 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Casimer Jacyna whose telephone number is 571-272-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on Wed. thru Fri. 9AM-7PM, Mon. 7AM-1PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 703-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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